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House Resolution 2086

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, McKillip of the 115th, and Smith of the 113th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Robert Osborne's Classic Film Festival; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Robert Osborne's Classic Film Festival is an annual nonprofit event of the
- 3 University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the fourth annual Robert Osborne's Classic Film Festival will be held April 10
- 5 through 13, 2008, at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Robert Osborne, the prime time host of Turner Classic Movies and columnist
- 7 for The Hollywood Reporter, has selected eight classic films that, according to Osborne,
- 8 represent the breadth and variety of Hollywood, independent, and international classic
- 9 cinema from the 1930's to the 1990's; and
- WHEREAS, the movies in the festival have been selected to thrill the local audiences and
- 11 include Young Frankenstein, Notorious, Journey to the Center of the Earth, African Queen,
- 12 Lawrence of Arabia, What's Eating Gilbert Grape?, The Way We Were, and The King and
- 13 *I*; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Nate Kohn, festival director and associate professor of telecommunications in
- 15 the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, is excited by this list of films
- and most pleased that Mr. Osborne has gotten to know and love Athens; and
- 17 WHEREAS, for the three and one-half day festival, the 2,000 seat Classic Center Theatre
- will be transformed into a world class movie palace with the installation of a 60 foot motion
- 19 picture screen and state-of-the-art 35mm projection and sound systems and most prints will
- 20 be pristine archival 35mm prints from many of the major studios; and

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1 WHEREAS, many of the films at this unique festival are those that have been seen before,

- 2 but all are definitely worth a trip to the Classic Center for the viewing on a mammoth screen
- 3 in a communal experience; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the festival will feature a panel discussion hosted by Mr. Osborne and panelists
- 5 will include University of Georgia scholars, festival guests, artists, critics, and others with
- 6 topics relating to the classic festival films and their various influences.
- 7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 8 this body recognizes and commends Robert Osborne's Classic Film Festival in Athens,
- 9 Georgia.
- 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to festival director Nate Kohn.